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SUBJECT: FY-76 FMS CREDITS FOR BRAZIL

REF: BRASILIA 10957 OF DECEMBER 24, 1975.

1. BECAUSE OF CONGRESSIONAL CUT IN ADMINISTRATION'S FMS CREDIT LEVEL REQUEST AND IN ORDER TO MEET OTHER PRESSING NEED (FYI: JORDAN)FOR FY-76 FMS CREDITS, DEPARTMENT IS CONSIDERING USING CREDITS PREVIOUSLY PROGRAMMED FOR OTHER RECIPIENTS, INCLUDING \$10 MILLION FROM \$60 MILLION ORIGINAL- LY PROGRAMMED FOR BRAZIL. OUR TENTATIVE CONCLUSION TO SUPPORT THE POSSIBLE REDUCTION IN BRAZILIAN FMS LEVEL FROM \$60 TO \$50 MILLION TOOK THE FOLLOWING INTO ACCOUNT:

(A) EMBASSY'S LATEST REVISED ESTIMATE OF GOB PLANNED CREDIT PURCHASES CITED \$51 MILLION TOTAL FOR FY-76.(REFTEL) DEPARTMENT'S TENTATIVE PLANNING FALLS ONLY \$1 MILLION SHORT OF THIS FIGURE.

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(B) DSAA REPORTS TOTAL OF \$37 MILLION ALREADY OBLIGATED FOR THIS FISCAL YEAR (\$27.5 FOR BRAZILIAN AIR FORCE: F-5 AND C-130 PURCHASES, PLUS \$9.5 MILLION OTHER ITEMS INCLUDING \$5.0 FOR THE NAVY). REMAINING 14 MILLION NON-OBLIGATED FUNDS FROM PROJECTED \$51 MILLION TOTAL HAS BEEN EARMARKED FOR BRAZILIAN NAVY USE. NO GOB REQUESTS YET RECEIVED AND PROPOSED NEW LIMITATION WOULD LEAVE \$13 MILLION, IF SUCH REQUESTS FORTHCOMING.

2. EMBASSY REQUESTED TO PROVIDE DEPARTMENT ASAP BEST ESTIMATE OF NAVY FMS REQUIREMENTS DURING BALANCE OF FISCAL YEAR, AND ANY OVERRIDING OBJECTION EMBASSY MAY PERCEIVE TO REDUCTION FROM \$51 TO \$50 MILLION FIGURE. DEPARTMENT IS ALSO CONSULTING DOD. KISSINGER

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